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MEETING OF THE COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS

22 January 1998

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I. ADMINISTRATION

A. Approval of minutes:

20 November 1997

B. Date of next meeting:

19 February 1998

C. Approval of December 1997 OG and SL Appendices.

II. SUBMISSIONS AND REVIEWS

A. General Services Administration

1. CFA 22/JAN/98-1, Urban Design Guidelines for Physical Perimeter and Entrance Security in the Federal Triangle. Result of interagency work sessions.

2. CFA 22/JAN/98-2, Madison/Cosmos/Tayloe Complex. Madison Place on Lafayette Square. Restudy of H Street entrance and new light standards for Cosmos. (Previous: CFA 20/NOV/97-4.)

B. General Service Administration/Federal Protective Services

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1. Old Georgetown Act

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OLD GEORGETOWN SUBMISSIONS

<u>NO.</u>	<u>ADDRESS AND OWNER</u>	<u>PROJECT</u>
O.G. 98-3	1564 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W.	Sign -
HPA. 98-11	1564 Corporation Siberia Restaurant & Bar	permit

ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for proposed replacement sign with letters no taller than 10 inches high reading "Restaurant Siberia & Bar" as shown in supplemental drawings received and dated 10 December 1997.

O.G. 98-11	2823 N Street, N.W.	Window
HPA. 98-23	Juan Cameron Residence	replacements and new door - permit

ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for proposed window replacement and insertion of new door in former masonry opening. Note is made that approval has been granted for this work by the Foundation for the Preservation of Historic Georgetown which holds an easement on the property. Supplemental drawings received and dated 25 November 1997 indicate mechanical equipment, originally proposed for roof, relocated to grade behind existing wood fence.

O.G. 98-16	1208 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W.	Alterations,
HPA. 98-55	The Hahn Company Abercrombie & Fitch	awning and sign - permit

ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for proposed alterations to existing storefront, including installation of awning. NOTE: Sign(s) will be submitted later under a separate permit application.

<u>NO.</u>	<u>ADDRESS AND OWNER</u>	<u>PROJECT</u>
O.G. 98-17	3039 M Street, N.W.	Renovation and
HPA. 98-56	Junior League of Washington	new window openings - permit

ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for proposed renovation to building and introduction of new windows on side wall. Working drawings conform to approved concept. See previous Action (O.G. 97-104). Elimination of window wells is an improvement over approved concept.

O.G. 98-18	1703 32nd Street, N.W.	Temporary
HPA. 98-57	Trustees of Harvard U. Dumbarton Oaks	handicapped ramp - conceptual

ACTION: Returned without Action. Case superseded by case O.G. 98-33.

O.G. 98-19	1603 35th Street, N.W.	Addition of
HPA. 98-60	James E. Hayter Residence	garage structure - conceptual

ACTION: No objection to concept design of proposed one story garage structure. Submit working drawings with permit application and material samples for review by the Commission when ready.

O.G. 98-21	1222 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W.	Storefront
HPA. 98-62	Restoration Hardware Commercial	alterations - conceptual

ACTION: No objection to concept design for alterations to commercial building as shown in supplemental drawings received and dated December 1997. Submit working drawings with permit application and separate sign(s) application for review by the Commission when ready.

<u>NO.</u>	<u>ADDRESS AND OWNER</u>	<u>PROJECT</u>
O.G. 98-22	1415 29th Street, N.W.	One story rear
HPA. 98-63	Bernard and Alison Wood Residence	addition - permit

ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for construction of proposed one story rear addition. Working drawings conform to approved concept. See previous Action (O.G. 98-4).

O.G. 98-23	3077 M Street, N.W.	Storefront
HPA. 98-64	3077 M Street LLC Pottery Barn	alterations - permit

ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for proposed alterations to existing storefronts as shown in supplemental drawings received and dated 8 December 1997. Alterations include installation of two signs on M Street composed of 12 inch high brushed steel pin-mounted letters, and one sign on 31st Street composed of 5 inch high brushed steel pin-mounted letters reading "Pottery Barn". Working drawings conform to approved concept. See previous Action (O.G. 97-130).

O.G. 98-26	3259 M Street, N.W.	Storefront
HPA. 98-71	Victor Tolkan Commercial	alterations - conceptual

ACTION: No objection to concept design for proposed storefront alterations, including opening third floor blind window panels. Submit working drawings with permit application for review by the Commission when ready. NOTE: Sign(s) will be submitted later under a separate permit application.

O.G. 98-33	1703 32nd Street, N.W.	Temporary
HPA. 98-90	Trustees of Harvard U. Dumbarton Oaks	handicapped ramp - permit

ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for proposed temporary handicapped access ramp to Library entrance on 32nd Street.

SHIPSTEAD-LUCE SUBMISSIONS

<u>NO.</u>	<u>ADDRESS AND OWNER</u>	<u>PROJECT</u>
S.L. 98-18	600 New Hampshire Avenue, NW Jones Lang Wootton	Repair and replacement-in- kind of plaza - permit

ACTION: No Action required. Proposed work consists of a replacement in kind.

S.L. 98-20	400 North Capitol Street, NW GTE Internetworking, Inc. Office building	Alterations for new generators - permit
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ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for proposed alterations to sidewalk, new brick wall, fence and generators screened from public view.

S.L. 98-21	601 F Street, N.W. MCI Center Discovery Channel Destination Store	Banners - permit
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ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for 3 double-sided projecting banners reading "Explore your World". Number and dimensions of proposed sign scheme are compatible with the scale of new MCI Center. A waiver is recommended for this location ONLY. See cases S.L. 98-22 and 98-23.

<u>NO.</u>	<u>ADDRESS AND OWNER</u>	<u>PROJECT</u>
S.L. 98-22	601 F Street, N.W. MCI Center Discovery Channel Destination Store	Electric sign - permit

ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for oversized electric sign over entrance reading "Discovery Channel". Number and dimensions of proposed sign scheme are compatible with the scale of new MCI Center. A waiver is recommended for this location ONLY. See cases S.L. 98-21 and 98-23.

S.L. 98-23	601 F Street, N.W. MCI Center Discovery Channel Destination Store	Wall plaques - permit
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ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for 4 wall plaques on pilasters. Number and dimensions of proposed sign scheme are compatible with the scale of new MCI Center. A waiver is recommended for this location ONLY. See cases S.L. 98-21 and 98-22.

OLD GEORGETOWN SUBMISSIONS

<u>NO.</u>	<u>ADDRESS AND OWNER</u>	<u>PROJECT</u>
O.G. 98-9 HPA. 98-20	3210 R Street, N.W. Mr. and Mrs. Mark Leland Residence	New pergola and conservatory, revision to previously approved addition - conceptual

ACTION: No objection to concept design for proposed rear additions of pergola and conservatory, or for modifications to window openings including those for the approved third floor addition as shown in supplemental drawings received and dated 8 January 1998. Submit working drawings, including window, pergola and conservatory details, with permit application for review by the Commission when ready.

O.G. 98-12 HPA. 98-38	3323 P Street, N.W. Robert and Mary Moore Residence	Alterations and renovation - permit
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ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for proposed alterations to side porches and to new windows and doors.

O.G. 98-20 HPA. 98-61	3029 Dent Place, N.W. Mr. and Mrs. John Arata Residence	Addition at rear - permit
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ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for proposed rear addition and alterations to windows as shown in supplemental drawings received and dated 21 January 1998, which indicate 2 over 2 windows on rear.

NO.	ADDRESS AND OWNER	PROJECT
O.G. 98-28	3408 Reservoir Road	Rear deck
HPA. 98-74	Neal Jackson Residence	and steps - permit

ACTION: Returned without Action. Proposed work is not visible from public space. Refer to the Historic Preservation Review Board.

O.G. 98-29	3073 Canal Street, N.W.	Awning
HPA. 98-79	Homayoun Yeroushalmi Sushi To Go	- permit

ACTION: Recommend **AGAINST** issuance of permit for proposed awning. A commercial awning on this small-scale structure overlooking the C & O Canal, a Registered National Landmark, would not be appropriate to either structure. Recommend consideration of a projecting sign in scale with similar signs located along the Canal.

O.G. 98-34	3233-35 M Street, N.W.	Alterations to
HPA. 98-92	East-Banc, Inc. Commercial/residential	storefront, side and rear additions - permit

ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for proposed alterations to storefront, rear alterations or to infill commercial replacement structure as shown in supplemental drawings received and dated 9 January 1998. Working drawings conform to approved concept. See previous Action (O.G. 97-142).

O.G. 98-35	3513 N Street, N.W.	Razing of McKenna
HPA. 98-109	Holy Trinity Catholic Church	building - permit

ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for proposed razing of structures in coordination with proposed new work, including McKenna Building, which are considered non-contributing structures to the historic district. (See case O.G. 98-36.)

<u>NO.</u>	<u>ADDRESS AND OWNER</u>	<u>PROJECT</u>
O.G. 98-36	3513 N Street, N.W.	Alterations and
HPA. 98-110	Holy Trinity Catholic Church	addition - permit

ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for proposed alterations and addition to the parish hall of Holy Trinity Church. Working drawings indicate that the original windows of the parish hall will be restored rather than replaced and that the exterior material for the proposed penthouse screen wall at the addition will be sheet metal to match the material used elsewhere in the proposed new work. Working drawings conform to approved concept and recommendations. See previous Action (O.G. 98-8). Erect material sample panel on site for approval by the Commission before contracting for materials.

O.G. 98-37	3410 Q Street, N.W.	Alterations to
HPA. 98-93	Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence O'Brien Residence	front and rear - conceptual

ACTION: No objection to concept design for alterations to rear as shown in supplemental drawings received and dated 8 January 1998. NOTE: height of existing first floor window sills at the street front will be maintained. Submit working drawings with permit application for review by the Commission when ready.

O.G. 98-38	1608 32nd Street, N.W.	Addition of
HPA. 98-94	Brian Weaver Residence	entry vestibule (existing) - permit

ACTION: Recommend AGAINST issuance of permit for vestibule addition as built. Although there is no objection to a vestibule at this location, the design presented is inappropriate in both scale and character to the rest of the property. Recommend reduction in height, simplification of detail, and replacement of door with one that reflects the general character of the surrounding historic district.

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APPENDIX I

<u>NO.</u>	<u>ADDRESS AND OWNER</u>	<u>PROJECT</u>
O.G. 98-40	1675 31st Street, N.W.	Alterations to
HPA. 98-98	Lee Morris Residence	rear - permit

ACTION: Returned without Action. Proposed work is not visible from public space. Refer to the Historic Preservation Review Board.

O.G. 98-42	3104 P Street, N.W.	Additions to
HPA. 98-99	Steven Linder Residence	rear - permit

ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for proposed rear addition as shown in supplemental drawings received and dated 14 January 1998.

O.G. 98-43	3009 N Street, N.W.	Window
HPA. 98-101	David W. Hudgens Residence	replacement - permit

ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for the replacement of the existing metal double-hung windows with wood sash, provided the inappropriate fanlight motif is eliminated from the design.

SHIPSTEAD-LUCE SUBMISSIONS

<u>NO.</u>	<u>ADDRESS AND OWNER</u>	<u>PROJECT</u>
S.L. 98-7	633 Indiana Avenue, N.W.	New window
HPA. 98-16	Indiana Avenue Assoc. Office Building	openings - permit

ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for proposed new window openings on side wall as shown in supplemental drawings received and dated 20 January 1998. Submit separate permit application for roof terrace railing and entrance canopy for review by the Commission when ready.

S.L. 98-19	2400 N Street, N.W. Boston Properties Worldspace Management Corp.	Satellite dish antenna - conceptual
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ACTION: Returned without Action. Case superseded by case S.L. 98-26.

S.L. 98-26	2400 N Street, N.W. Boston Properties Worldspace Management Corp.	Satellite dish antenna - permit
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ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for installation of satellite dish antenna with an installation height of no more than 25 ft above roof level. Visibility of dish is diminished by existing 18 foot height of penthouse screen walls.

S.L. 98-28	5370 27th Street, N.W. Stuart Pergament Residence	Second story deck on side yard - permit
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ACTION: Recommend **AGAINST** issuance of permit for proposed deck at second story level on side yard as inappropriate to the character of this house across 27th street from Rock Creek Park.

<u>NO.</u>	<u>ADDRESS AND OWNER</u>	<u>PROJECT</u>
S.L. 98-29	3900 16th Street, N.W. P.M.I. Ltd. general Partner Crestwood Apartments	Penthouse addition and roof antennas - permit

ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for proposed addition of 9 antennas at three locations on roof, and proposed equipment shelter to match materials and details of existing penthouse structures. Working drawings conform to approved concept. See previous Action (S.L. 97-59).

S.L. 98-30	1715 North Portal Drive, N.W. Meridian Homes Residence	New building - permit
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ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for proposed new single family dwelling. Applicant has agreed not to use vinyl siding. Erect material sample panel on site in a location facing south for approval by the Commission before contracting for materials. Working drawings conform to approved concept. See previous Action (S.L. 98-9).

S.L. 98-31	2200 P Street, N.W.	Alterations
HPA. 98-119	Mobil Corporation Gas Station	- conceptual

ACTION: No objection to concept design for alterations to this landmark Mobil station, including closing of service station doors, relocation of accessory structure, landscaping of rear yard and replacement sign using a post configuration as shown in Alternative #2. Submit working drawings, including details and landscape plan with permit application for review by the Commission when ready.

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APPENDIX II

<u>NO.</u>	<u>ADDRESS AND OWNER</u>	<u>PROJECT</u>
S.L. 98-34	1916 F Street, N.W. The George Washington University Club	Alterations and rear addition - conceptual

ACTION: No objection to concept design for proposed alterations to front of building, including new handicapped access ramp, planters, terrace and steps, or to rear third floor addition for stairs and elevator. Submit working drawings with permit application for review by the Commission when ready.

S.L. 98-35	2021 Belmont Road, N.W.	Fence -
HPA. 98-122	James and Cintia Nash Residence	permit

ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for proposed stockade fence provided it is no more than 7 feet tall.

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MEETING OF THE COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS

22 January 1998

The meeting was convened at 10:07 a.m. in the Commission of Fine Arts offices at the National Building Museum, 441 F Street, N.W.

Members present: Hon. J. Carter Brown, Chairman
Hon. Carolyn Brody
Hon. Barbaralee Diamonstein-Spielvogel
Hon. Ann Todd Free
Hon. Emily Malino
Hon. Eden Rafshoon

Staff present: Mr. Charles H. Atherton, Secretary
Mr. Jeffrey R. Carson, Assistant
Secretary
Mrs. Sue Kohler
Mr. José Martínez-Canino

National Capital
Planning Commission
staff present: Mr. George Toop
Ms. Nancy Witherell

I. ADMINISTRATION

A. Approval of minutes of the 20 November 1997 meeting.
The minutes were approved without objection.

B. Date of next meeting, approved as:

19 February 1998

C. Approval of December 1997 OG and SL Appendices. The Appendices, which had been circulated by mail, were formally approved.

II. SUBMISSIONS AND REVIEWS

A. General Services Administration

1. CFA 22/JAN/98-1, Urban design guidelines for physical perimeter and entrance security in the Federal Triangle; result of interagency work sessions. The Assistant Secretary recalled that representatives from the Justice Department had brought in a concept for temporary security measures around their building in July 1995. At that time the Commission approved them, but recommended that the department work with GSA in the development of a final security plan for the entire Federal Triangle. Mr. Carson said that GSA had held a series of design charrettes, in which he had participated, and a guideline study had been developed, although he noted that Justice did not agree with some of the conclusions; he said they would prefer a stronger "fortified" look to deter any would-be terrorists. He asked Philip Wagner of GSA to continue the presentation.

Mr. Wagner said that in the process of developing the guidelines, the area around the buildings had been divided into six security zones: the building interior, building skin, building setback yard, public sidewalk, parking lanes of the surrounding streets, and finally, the driving lanes. He noted that there were two kinds of sidewalk conditions: Pennsylvania and Constitution avenues had generous setback yards, with Constitution having the addition of a grass strip between the sidewalk and the curb; the north-south streets were much more constricted. He said the security measures in the sidewalk areas could not impede pedestrian circulation, especially on the avenues, because of the amount of public activity, such as parades; therefore, they could not be continuous. Bollards and chains were not considered appropriate in this area. Such things as street furniture and kiosks might be designed so that they could also serve as physical barriers, and even street trees could be helpful. In the building yard setback area, landscaped plinths raised as high as three feet could act as deterrents and could be combined with seating; bollards and chains would be permitted in this area.

The Assistant Secretary then asked architect Suman Sorg to continue the presentation. Ms. Sorg described the charrette process and the conclusions that had been reached. She said the participants' first task had been to walk around the site and note existing conditions; she commented on the clutter seen everywhere and agreed with Mr. Wagner that some of the existing objects could be made to double as security measures, rather than adding any more elements, such as bollards. She said that in preparing the guidelines, it had to be decided just what the threat was that they were designing against; it was determined to be a vehicle traveling thirty miles per hour and carrying a bomb. She noted that GSA had set up a security level rating for its

buildings that ranged from 1 to 5, and that most of the Triangle fell within level 3 with Justice at level 4. Ms. Sorg said the group recommended that the first step in increasing security be taken on the interior of the buildings, by using new technology and changing operational schedules. Mr. Carson noted that secondary explosion effects, such as

shattering glass, were often deadly but could be lessened by using plastic or laminated glass. He stressed that the guidelines were intended to be flexible, so that they could be adapted to all the buildings.

Michelle Kayon, a Justice Department architect, spoke next. She said she had been a member of the task force setting up the guidelines, and their goal had been to meet security requirements and still respect the buildings. She said Justice's main concern was stopping a van with a bomb at curbside, but the guidelines prohibited bollards and chains at curbside on both Pennsylvania and Constitution avenues. And there was no way they could "beef up" existing street elements because they were too far apart. She said they hoped to have both bollards and chains and planters with high curbs around them on the avenues, and bollards and chains around planting beds on 9th and 10th streets; they were also requesting changes in the operational requirements so that they would not have to allow parking around the building.

The Chairman thought each situation could be resolved on a case-by-case basis, and the other members agreed. Ms. Malino thought that the word "flexibility" mentioned in the guidelines should take care of problems such as those of the Justice Department, and Mrs. Brody, Mrs. Free, and Mrs. Rafshoon all cautioned against building exceptions into the guidelines. Ms. Diamonstein thought the Commission should make it clear that it shared the concern for maximum security, but she agreed with the Chairman that that could be taken care of on a case-by-case basis.

It was then unanimously agreed that the Commission should support the guidelines, recognizing that there may have to be exceptions, and look at them on a case-by-case basis. The Chairman complimented everyone involved; he observed that it was a good thing to have these guidelines developed by GSA in Washington because they had national implications and could be applied to federal buildings elsewhere. Exhibit A

2. CFA 22/JAN/98-2, Madison/Cosmos/Tayloe Complex. Madison Place on Lafayette Square. Restudy of H Street entrance and new light standards for Cosmos. The Assistant Secretary reported that the architects had decided to eliminate the Cosmos Club building light standards in

question. He then recalled the Commission's comment in regard to the H Street entrance that reconstructing the original awkward-appearing cheekwalls was not really appropriate and the recommendation that a Victorian pipe railing be used; he said that was what was before the Commission at this meeting. He introduced Tyrone Anderson from GSA and Mark Shaw from Einhorn, Yaffee & Prescott, and showed a drawing of a simple iron pipe rail to be used on either side of the entrance stair; Mr. Anderson said it would be painted. There was unanimous agreement that it was appropriate in scale and design for the doorway, and it was approved. Exhibit B

B. General Services Administration/Federal Protective Services

CFA 22/JAN/98-3, Exterior security camera installations for the Department of Commerce, Internal Revenue Service, and the Winder Building. This project was withdrawn for submission at a later date.

C. Department of State

CFA 22/JAN/98-4, Chancery for the government of Bangladesh. International Center, Lot 3. Final design. (Previous: CFA 24/JUL/97-3.) Staff member José Martínez recalled that the Commission had been pleased with the concept design and had asked to see a landscape plan and material samples when the final drawings were brought in. He asked architect Edward Garcia from KCF/SHG to make the presentation.

Mr. Garcia described the design features briefly and said the primary material would be light-colored ground-face concrete block in both smooth and more textured finishes; there would also be some limestone trim, again in different finishes for accent. Flooring for the exterior terrace would be slate, and it would be brought into the building, part of the metaphor of bringing the river delta inside; the same slate would be used to line the ponds at the front entrance. All metal trim would be painted a blue-grey, to harmonize with the slate, and the roof would be standing seam metal, probably tern metal; he showed samples of all the materials. Mr. Garcia also noted a wall-mounted decorative metal grille at the west terrace wall, to give it more articulation, break down the mass, and hide louvered intakes in the garage area behind.

Turning to the landscaping, Mr. Garcia said additional planting, some of it evergreen, would be added at the entrance and on the sides; heavier planting would be added at the base of the west terrace wall to reduce its mass.

There were no objections to the materials or the landscaping proposals, and the metal grille was considered an improvement. The final design and materials were unanimously approved, with the request that a material sample panel be erected on the site for inspection by the Commission before materials were ordered. Exhibit C

(As the applicants for the next submission had not arrived, the presentation was postponed until later in the meeting.)

E. Department of the Treasury, United States Mint
CFA 22/JAN/98-7, 1998 Platinum American Eagle \$100.
coin. Reverse design for proof version. Staff member Sue Kohler recalled the Commission's approval of the design for this, the nation's first platinum coin, in November 1996, and its issuance in 1997. She said the reverse for the proof version would change on an annual basis, at least for the next five years, and while it would continue to have an eagle as the theme, the eagle would be shown in one of the regional landscapes of the country. The 1998 design would represent the Northeast seaboard, and she showed a drawing with an eagle flying along a rocky coast with a lighthouse high on the rocks and a rising moon in the sky. She noted that the reason for the moon was a technical one, related to the difficulty of striking platinum, and she introduced David McNierney and designer John Mercanti from the Mint to explain this and answer any other questions about the design.

Mr. McNierney said they had discovered during the production of the 1997 coin that platinum was a very difficult metal to strike, and that in large open areas imperfections in the finish often appeared. To minimize this they were trying to add elements, such as the moon, to break up these large areas. There was some concern about the shape of the lighthouse; Ms. Diamonstein thought it should be slightly conical rather than cylindrical. Mr. Mercanti said the design had been based on a photograph, and he produced a copy which showed the lighthouse to be cylindrical. The Chairman observed that while most people have Edward Hopper's version in their minds, the lighthouses of the northeast coast did vary one from the other.

There were no further questions; the Chairman complimented Mr. Mercanti on his design, and on his previous design for the Statue of Liberty obverse, and the new reverse was unanimously approved. Exhibit D

F. Department of the Army, Army Corps of Engineers
CFA 22/JAN/98-8, McMillan Reservoir Water Treatment
Facility. Addition to filter building. Design. Mr. Martinez

located the reservoir on an aerial photograph and pointed out nearby landmarks, such as Catholic University, Washington Hospital Center, and Children's Hospital. He said the project was to build an addition to the filter building, using an existing parking area. The new structure would create a courtyard for the main entrance to the building and would house a new filtering system. He introduced architect Victor Wilburn to discuss his design.

Mr. Wilburn recounted his fascination with the project as he worked with the engineers on it, and asked engineer Michael Pindak to give the members some background information. Mr. Pindak said the goal of the new filter system project was to improve the quality of the District's drinking water to meet the requirements of the Safe Drinking Water Act. He said the new addition to the filter plant was only the visible portion of all the upgrading that was going on, a lot of it within existing facilities.

The Chairman and Mr. Wilburn thanked Mr. Pindak, and Mr. Wilburn continued his presentation. He showed photographs of the existing building, describing it as basically as a very large swimming pool with a roof on it. He noted its service-yard type of entrance and said he had tried to make the new building function as a more attractive entrance; in its landscaped courtyard would be repeated some of the green seen throughout the McMillan Reservoir area. Mr. Wilburn said the equipment inside had dictated the height and mass of the building, which was basically a brick box, but he had tried to incorporate decorative brick details seen on some of the older buildings to make it seem like part of the campus. Sloping glass enclosing the entrance walkway recalled similar fenestration on the nearby Children's Hospital.

Donna Cole discussed the interior of the building, where the emphasis would be on glazed block and other easy-to-maintain materials in light, bright colors. She talked also about the landscaping of the court area, which was intended to provide employees a pleasant place in which to sit and relax. The central feature would be a golden rain tree, surrounded by shrubs and seasonal flowers.

There was some concern about the use of sloping glass, but as it was a dominant element in the nearby Children's Hospital, it was considered acceptable in this case. There were questions about the shape of the planting area and the kinds of plants to be used, answered by Ms. Cole. The design was then unanimously approved. Exhibit E

G. Department of the Navy, Chesapeake Division

CFA 22/JAN/98-9, Anacostia Naval Station. Addition to Transportation Maintenance Facility. Design. Mr. Martinez showed photos of the existing facility (Building #400) and the parking lot, the proposed site of the addition. He said it would be small and would follow the style of the existing building, using similar materials. He introduced Larry Earle from the Navy to make the presentation.

Mr. Earle said this was an industrial building in an industrial area; the reason for building it was to accommodate personnel and parts storage for the motor pool operations of the Marine Barracks, which were to be consolidated with the Navy's motor pool. He said that in style and materials, the building was designed to be entirely in keeping with the original facility, and he showed drawings of a reddish-brown brick and buff metal panel structure with a blue metal trim. Ms. Diamonstein had a question about the color of the metal trim, and Mr. Earle said he would supply material samples. Other than that, there were no objections to the straightforward design, and it was unanimously approved. Exhibit F

(The applicants for the National Zoo project had arrived, and the Commission returned to that item on the agenda.)

D. Smithsonian Institution, National Zoological Park

1. CFA 22/JAN/98-5, New area for the American alligator exhibit. Reptile House. Design.

2. CFA 22/JAN/98-6, New information kiosk. Design and location.

Mr. Martinez introduced Robin Vasa from the Zoo to make the presentation. Ms. Vasa began with the new kiosk. She showed a site plan and located the kiosk near the new grasslands exhibit, on Panda Plaza, in the vicinity of the food service and restroom facilities. She said they had intended to relocate an existing kiosk, but it had deteriorated; the decision was made to build a permanent structure in this area because of the great numbers of visitors who arrived there by bus. She said it would also be accessible to people walking down Olmsted Walk.

Ms. Vasa said the design of the kiosk would follow that of the food service and restroom buildings. She showed photographs of those buildings and a drawing of the kiosk, noting the use of the same stone for the walls and the cedar shakes on the pitched roof. She said there would be a stroller rental service managed from the kiosk, and in answer

to the Chairman's question, said it would be well-screened by tall grasses that would relate to the grasslands exhibit.

There was a brief discussion of signage, at the kiosk and throughout the Zoo in general, with Ms. Malino saying she had always found it inadequate. Ms. Vasa said they realized it needed improvement and were in the planning stages of a new program.

American alligator exhibit. Ms. Vasa then turned to the revisions to the alligator exhibit area. She said the proposal was to build a lean-to type of structure next to the reptile house which would serve as a shelter for the alligators during the winter. The brick would match the building, and the entire roof would be a skylight. A section of the pool would actually extend into the enclosure so the alligators could swim in and out easily. The lean-to would be screened from public view by tall grasses in planters.

Other changes would be a new keepers' walkway so that the keepers could do feeding demonstrations for the public, a slight enlargement of the pool, and some modifications to the landscaping. There were no objections to the plans for the kiosk or the alligator pool, and they were unanimously approved, but the Chairman was worried about trying to match the brick of the reptile house; as it had been weathering for some time, he thought that might not be possible. He suggested trying several options before actually ordering the brick, observing that some contrast might be better than a near miss. Exhibit G

H. District of Columbia Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs

1. Old Georgetown Act

Appendix I. The Chairman had a question about the status of O.G. 98-09, 3210 R Street, N.W. The Assistant Secretary recalled that the addition of a third floor had been proposed earlier, and he showed drawings. Since then, he said, the house had changed hands, and since the new owners' use of the third floor would be somewhat different, they wanted to have more glass at the rear. He said there would be no changes to the approved designs for the front or the sides. He showed both old and new drawings for the rear facade. In answer to the Chairman's questions, he said the rear was visible from an alley, and the D.C. Historic Preservation Review Board had no objections to the new design. There was a general feeling that the new design was an improvement, although all agreed that the addition of a third floor was unfortunate.

The Chairman's second question was in regard to O.G. 98-29, 3073 Canal. This concerned the request to stretch a bright red awning with a sign on it across the width of a small, 19th-century house on the C & O Canal. Mr. Carson said the Georgetown Board felt it would be inappropriate to the character of the house and had offered approval for a projecting sign instead. The Chairman was relieved, saying that the canal was one of the most charming spots in Washington and could not be spoiled by pseudo-signs on awnings.

The third question concerned O.G. 98-38, 1608 32nd Street, N.W. Mr. Carson said two petitions had been received against this existing addition, erected without a permit. He showed photographs of an elaborate neo-classical entrance structure and door, attached to a vaguely Dutch colonial 1960s house. He said the Board found it unacceptable as built, but would not object to the addition of a vestibule scaled way down in size and suitable in character to the house. Mrs. Brody asked what the next step was, and Mr. Carson said the District would impose fines that would continue until the owner complied with the law; the trouble was that often people built monies into their construction budget to cover fines, which were not very high, and so were not moved by this threat.

There was a discussion of what could be done to prevent non-compliance with the law, and Mr. Carson said putting some teeth in the policing of construction and raising the amount of the fines would help. Ms. Diamonstein commented on the regulatory law recently passed in New York City and said she thought the regulatory aspect was the next phase in landmark legislation. She said she would send the Commission staff a copy of the New York law and comments on it which could be passed on to someone in the District government who was sympathetic to the problem.

A vote was then taken on the Georgetown Appendix, and it was unanimously approved.

2. Shipstead-Luce Act

a. S.L. 98-33, Corner of Normanstone Drive and Rock Creek Drive, N.W. New single family residence. The Assistant Secretary pointed out the location of this property on an aerial photograph and recalled the Commission's long association with it, beginning in 1988. At that time, the developer, with a permit issued erroneously by the District government, destroyed the natural contours of the wooded site and removed the trees, intending to build seven houses on the site. The Commission learned of his actions only through a

neighbor, and ultimately, through the Justice Department, a suit was instituted against the developer and the District government and a stop work order issued. The matter was settled out of court, with the number of houses reduced to six and the Commission given authority to determine the character, siting, and landscaping of the three remaining houses to be built. Now, Mr. Carson said, there was a single owner of all three lots who wanted to build just one house. He noted also a covenant running with the land that would reflect the court agreement and be binding upon Woodland (the current developers) and their assigns until five years after the completion of construction. He then introduced the designer, Rudy Djabbarzadeh.

Mr. Djabbarzadeh said he was a builder and the representative of Mr. and Mrs. Hightower, the owners of the property. He introduced the architect, Alan Heyman. He said the Hightowers had looked at several houses in the area and were interested especially in French architecture as Mr. Hightower was a board member of the American branch of the Amis des Vieilles Maisons Françaises. Mr. Djabbarzadeh then showed renderings of the principal elevations, in an 18th-century French style, noting a long wing that would be devoted to an indoor swimming pool and exercise facility. He said the house would be stuccoed and trim would be limestone or cast stone. He said they would be bringing a lot of earth back to the site and setting the house slightly higher than the existing grade. He said the three lots together totaled about three-quarters of an acre and gave the total number of square feet as approximately 12,000-13,000, with about 8,900 required for the two-storey (plus basement) house, 850 for the garage, and 2,600 for the swimming pool wing. He said the house would be heavily landscaped along the street frontage and would be set back about 60 feet from Rock Creek Park Drive; it would cover about 24 per cent of the property.

The members were pleased that there would be one house instead of three on the site, and there were no objections to the style of the house nor to the proposed landscaping, but there were reservations about the length of the pool facility, which made the house appear to stretch on and on. The Chairman suggested that if this element could be made to appear like an orangerie, connected to the house by a recessed hyphen, it would break up the long building mass.

There was no further discussion, but the chairman of the Advisory Neighborhood Commission for the area, Philip Mendelson, asked to speak. He said the ANC had not yet seen the plans or talked to the architect, but expected to become involved. He thought the neighbors would be pleased to have

one house rather than three on the site, but he did note that there were some zoning questions still to be resolved.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Mendelson for coming, and said it was his understanding that the Commission would give the concept design conditional approval based on refinement of the design, a detailed landscape plan, and a restudy of the massing, in an effort to give the pool facility the appearance of a real pavilion rather than a continuation of the house proper. The other members agreed the Chairman had reported their views accurately, and the concept design was approved on that basis. Exhibit H

b. Appendix II. The Chairman asked for an explanation of the work being done on three of the cases: 5370 27th Street, N.W. (S.L.98-28); 2200 P Street, N.W. (S.L. 98-31); and 1916 F Street, N.W. (S.L. 98-34). He was satisfied with the staff's responses and recommendations, and the Appendix was then approved without objection.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

Signed,

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Charles H. Atherton
Secretary

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EXHIBIT A

28 January 1998

Dear Mr. Finberg:

The Commission was pleased to see you and your colleagues during our meeting of 22 January 1998 for the review of the proposed Urban Design Guidelines for Physical Perimeter and Entrance Security in the Federal Triangle. Security for public buildings of any kind is a serious subject, one that this agency has had to contend with on a piecemeal basis over the last several years.

As each separate project has come before us, the members and the staff increasingly have felt the need for a rational system that in some measure codifies a general approach to exterior security. The Commission believes the Guidelines have managed to address that need, and approves them. Although security elements require standardization and regulation in a manner similar to current public space elements (curbs, sidewalks, tree grates, light standards), the Commission also recognizes the need for guarded flexibility in that approach, noting that real and perceived security requirements will vary from building to building and occupant to occupant.

The Commission was pleased to learn that the Guidelines were the product of a series of charettes, hosted by GSA, with participants representing a number of government agencies and consultants in the field. It further notes that the security establishment was represented and that it actively participated in the charrette gatherings. Unfortunately, while the need for security was an accepted given, apparently not everyone agreed with the remedial solutions, a fact brought home to us by testimony given on behalf of the Department of Justice during the Commission meeting.

It seems that certain groups in the field of security believe that physical deterrents should be in part psychological: if the barrier is visually emphatic enough it will not only warn off the potential terrorist but give the building occupants a greater sense of security and well-being. This view may not be in the best interest of the aesthetic values and historic integrity of Washington, a consideration that will weigh heavily in the design review process.

Mr. Finberg
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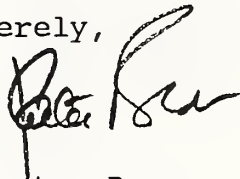
While the Guidelines make clear that many changes could be implemented with little apparent effect on or harm to either the architectural integrity of our landmark buildings or the historic nature and special character of our diagonal avenues, certain security applications might be viewed as a disruptive intrusion on the city.

Please be assured, the Commission will consider reasonable deviations from the Guidelines. It will do so on a case-by-case basis.

On another note, there is a side issue worthy of exploration. In light of the generalities provided by the Guidelines, applying them as a rule of thumb to all public buildings in the Capital may be a prudent measure. The Commission asks that you consider such an approach and broach the subject with those entities having real estate portfolios outside the jurisdiction of the General Services Administration.

No doubt this subject has raised myriad questions. Please feel free to contact the staff.

Sincerely,



J. Carter Brown
Chairman

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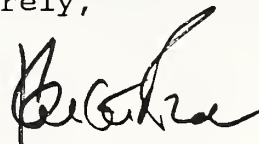
EXHIBIT B

28 January 1998

Dear Mr. Anderson:

The Commission was pleased to see you during its meeting of 22 January 1998 while it explored revisions to the renovation work proposed for the Madison/Cosmos/Taylor complex on Lafayette Square. The members approved unanimously the Victorian pipe railing designed for the H Street entrance as well as the elimination of the light standards originally intended for the old Cosmos Club entrance on Madison Place. The staff is available should you require any further assistance.

Sincerely,



J. Carter Brown
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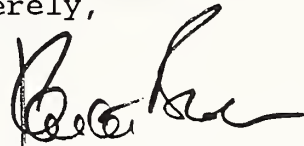
Dear Ms. Mavritte:

The Commission reviewed and approved the final drawings and material samples for the Chancery of Bangladesh during its meeting of 22 January 1998. The new chancery building is to be located on Lot 3 of the International Center.

The design development changes to the approved concept were mostly minimal. The addition of the wall-mounted painted grille was considered an improvement. The Commission also approved the landscape plan as shown.

We will want to see material sample panels built on site at a south-facing location before exterior finish materials are ordered. As always, the staff is available to assist you.

Sincerely,



J. Carter Brown
Chairman

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EXHIBIT D

28 January 1998

Dear Mr. Diehl:

The Commission of Fine Arts reviewed a design by Mint sculptor/engraver John Mercanti for the reverse of the 1998 proof platinum American Eagle at its 22 January meeting. I am happy to tell you that it was approved.

Sincerely,

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J. Carter Brown
Chairman

The Honorable Philip N. Diehl
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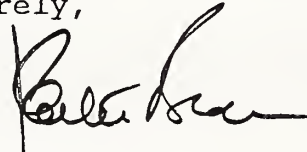
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EXHIBIT E

Dear Mr. Jacobus:

During its meeting 22 January 1998, the Commission reviewed and approved the proposed addition to the filtration building on the campus of the McMillan Water Treatment Facility. Taking advantage of the new work to add a landscaped entrance plaza is a gesture we can all appreciate.

Sincerely,

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J. Carter Brown
Chairman

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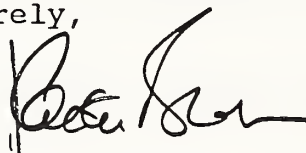
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Dear Mr. Earle:

During its meeting 22 January 1998, the Commission reviewed and approved the addition to Building 400, the Transportation Maintenance Facility, at the Anacostia Annex.

While the addition maintains the vocabulary and detailing of the existing structure, one question still remains: the material proposed for the covering of the walkway. Please submit a material sample for final review.

Sincerely,



J. Carter Brown
Chairman

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EXHIBIT G

Dear Dr. Robinson:

During its meeting 22 January 1998, the Commission reviewed and approved two projects at the National Zoo: the Information Kiosk at Panda Plaza, and the Alligator Exhibit Area in front of the Reptile House. Both projects were well-received. The information kiosk follows the design and material palette for the area. The alligator exhibit will provide interest for those queuing up to enter the Reptile House.

The main concern in these projects is the finish material. Although matching the stone used for the concession building should present little problem for the kiosk, the brick proposed for the alligator "retiring" shed is another matter. Since it is unlikely that you will find an exact match, going to a shade that is deliberately different is worth exploring. A study of alternatives before final material selection may be appropriate. As always, the staff is available to assist you.

We look forward to seeing the new sign program, presently undergoing study. The current program is a little cryptic for some visitors.

Sincerely,



J. Carter Brown
Chairman

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EXHIBIT H

AGENDA ITEM EXHIBIT

<u>NO.</u>	<u>ADDRESS AND OWNER</u>	<u>PROJECT</u>
S.L. 98-33	Normanstone Drive, N.W. corner of Rock Creek Drive Mr. and Mrs. D. Hightower Residence	New building - conceptual

ACTION: No objection to concept of proposed single family residence which is intended to occupy three lots, part of a larger property formerly known as the Woodland Limited Partnership subdivision. Recommend further refinement of proportions and detailing in general as well as further study of pool wing in the manner of a conservatory. Provide detailed landscape design and schedule, using a dense cover of evergreen materials. Submit permit working drawings and material samples for review by the Commission when ready.
